

(d) (i) The total amount of *potgi* payable to the Shanbhogues?

(ii) The extent of service inam lands given to them and their description?

(e) The annual expenditure that may have to be incurred if stipendiary Shanbhogues are appointed as it is in vogue in Madras and Bombay Presidencies?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—42. (a) to (d) A statement giving the required information is placed on the table. (*Vide* Appendix XIII.)

(e) Information is not available. The expenditure on account of stipendiary Shanbhogues is likely to be high judging from the figures given in paras 11 and 14 of the annexure to G. O. No. R. 6195-98—L. R. 371-28-40, dated 11-5-1931, published in the Gazette.

MESSRS. K. T. SATYANARAYANA SETTY (Kadur Taluk) and G. KARIANNA (Minority Interest).—

Q.—43. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) Are the Government aware that firing was resorted to by the police on the labourers in the Binny Mills on the 18th July 1931?

(b) If so, why?

(c) How many casualties occurred and how many were wounded?

(d) Who ordered firing?

(e) Who were all the police officials and officers that were present on the spot at the time of firing?

(f) Is it a fact that the police belaboured women and children coolies with lathis?

(g) Have the Government instituted any enquiry into the matter?

(h) If so, will they be pleased to place the report on the table of this House for the information of members?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—43. (a) Yes.

(b) Firing was resorted to to save the lives of the Police and Mill Officers and protect the property of the Mill.

(c) Four killed and 65 injured on the part of the rioters; thirty-four injured on the part of the Police.

(d) As the lathi-armed constables were in danger of being overpowered and annihilated, the armed Police were to the front and finding themselves assailed by stones and other missiles and receiving serious injuries, they fired in self-defence on their own initiative.

(e) The City Magistrate, the District Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City, and the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Provincial Reserve Police.

(f) The allegation is without foundation.

(g) No. Government have received reports in the matter from the police and magisterial authorities.

(h) Does not arise in the light of the answer to (g).

MESSRS B. P. BASAPPA SETTY and BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA
(Chikmagalur Taluk).—

Q.—44. Will the Government be pleased to answer:—

(a) Is it a fact that an agitation was started by the raiyats of Shiralkoppa and other adjoining villages regarding their inability to pay up land revenue for the year 1930-31?

(b) When was it started and who are the officers that have come to know of it and when and what are the actions taken by them in the matter and the result thereof?

(c) Have the revenue officers compared the economic position of these raiyats with that of the raiyats of the adjoining British Indian Taluks during 1930-31?

(d) What concessions have the Government shown to them and what kinds of coercive steps did they adopt in collecting the assessment?

(e) Is it a fact that the help of the Reserve Police had been requisitioned there and if so, what were the reasons for the same?

(f) What are the expenses incurred in this connection?

(g) Who were the persons that were employed by Government for the purpose of recovering the revenue, to what communities did they belong and what actions did they take?

(h) What was the amount of revenue collected thereby?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—44. (a) Yes.

(b) September 1930.